

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 17 to 24, 26, 28 to 33 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japan Abstract 01-254477, hereinafter (JPN '477).

Claims 27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 17 to 24 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 34, 35, and 37 have been allowed.

Claim 26 has been amended to recite the limitation of allowable claims 27, and claims 37 to 41 added, support being found at [0025] to [0027] for example.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 17 to 24, 26, 28 to 33 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japan Abstract 01-254477, hereinafter (JPN '477).

Claims 17 to 24 have been canceled and claim 26 amended to include the limitation of allowable claim 27.

Claim 36 was rejected under JP '477 but it is respectfully submitted that this rejection should be withdrawn. Claim 36 recites "a conveying device integrated into a floor of a workshop and having a first section with a main conveying direction and a second section running in an opposite direction of the main conveying direction."

As clear from the Abstract of JP '477, element 1 is *a self-running truck* that runs on a track. Thus truck 1 does not have any two separate sections, nor does the Office Action identify any.

Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) to claims 17 to 24, 26, 28 to 33 and 36 and allowance of the new claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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